One of the reasons for low sales in the Punjabi Academy is that most of the publications of this Academy are distributed free to the schools, colleges, libraries and eminent scholars. 7,640 copies of their publications were distributed free during this period.

Delhi Administration has informed that there is no propsal to conduct any inquiry or take special measures in regard to the sales figures of publications of the two Academies.

Information relating to the year 1985-86 and 1986-87 in respect of two Academies is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

304. [*Transferred to the 3rd September 1990*].

छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज के जन्म दिवस पर अवकाश

3047. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल:** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज के जन्म दिवस पर सार्वजनिक अवकाश घोषित किए जाने के संबंध में सरकार से कोई मांग की गई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

प्रधान मंत्री और कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्री (श्री विश्वनाथ प्रताप सिंह): (क) छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज के जन्मदिवस पर छुट्टी के लिए अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं।

(ख) नीति के अनुसार राष्ट्रपिता महात्मा गांधी के अतिरिक्त किसी भी राष्ट्रीय नेता का जन्मदिवस नियमित राष्ट्रीय अवकाश के रूप में नहीं मनाया जा रहा है। इसको देखते हुए तथा छुट्टियों की संख्या की सीमितता को देखते हुए, यह प्रस्ताव स्वीकार करना संभव नहीं है।

Stoppage of bonus payment by IRE Limited, Chatupur, Orissa

3048. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of IRE Limited, Chatupur in Orissa has stopped paying customary bonus from 1987-88 which was being paid to the workers since 1975, regularly; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) OSCOM Unit started commercial production in October, 1986. During the construction phase (1975—86) the employees were paid customary bonus. The payment of Bonus Act became applicable from the accounting year 1987-88. Under Section 16 of the Payment of Bonus Act, a unit has to pay bonus to its employees during the first five years, only if it makes profit. After first five years minimum bonus is payable even if it incurs loss. Since OSCOM incurred losses during the year 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90, the employees are not entitled to any bonus for these years.

Life of INSAT-1D

3049. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the systems of INSAT-1D are working properly;

(b) what is the expected life of the satellite and its capability, considering the fuel consumption while putting it into position and opening the solar panels; and

(c) whether there would be any additional capacity for TV and Telecommunications, as compared to INSAT-1B?